

House Resolution 783

By: Representatives Glanton of the 76th, Johnson of the 75th, and Starr of the 78th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the Clayton State University Lakers men's basketball team; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the 2006-2007 Clayton State University Lakers basketball team has established
4 a standard of athletic excellence with equal emphases on character and academics; and

5 WHEREAS, this superlative team completed a whirlwind season, ending with the best record
6 in school history, an astonishing 24-8, earning its first trip ever to the NCAA Division II
7 National Tournament; and

8 WHEREAS, the road to the NCAA Division II National Tournament was long and difficult,
9 but the Lakers posted a 17-0 record to open the season with a school record for the most
10 consecutive wins in a season, maintaining a national ranking at the number two spot for six
11 weeks; and

12 WHEREAS, the 2006-2007 Clayton State University Lakers basketball team included the
13 following outstanding athletes: Rod Venner, Austin DeAngelis, Brandon Kelley, Trey Goss,
14 Cory Cameron, John Beugnot, Todd McLaurin, Michael Sloan, Luis Rodriquez, Jordan
15 Windisch, Jeff Trotter, Brian Kelly, Jaquas Dobbs, and Aristide Sawadogo; and

16 WHEREAS, the phenomenal performance of the team is a clear indication of the outstanding
17 athletic ability, the dedication and hard work, and the unity of purpose and spirit of each
18 member of the team; their superb offensive and defensive talents; the astute guidance and
19 direction of Head Coach Gordon Gibbons and Assistant Coaches Brent Buchanan and Andy
20 Harre; and the generous support of university president Dr. Thomas K. Harden and athletic
21 director Mason Barfield; and

1 WHEREAS, as they have performed with courage and determination, the Clayton State
2 University Lakers have brought honor to Clayton State University, Clayton County, the City
3 of Morrow, and the State of Georgia.

4 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
5 the members of this body commend the Clayton State University Lakers men's basketball
6 team for its unparalleled determination, tenacity, and character; commend Coach Gordon
7 Gibbons in his fifth season of dedicated coaching at Clayton State University; and extend
8 their sincerest best wishes for continued success.

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
10 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Clayton State University.